



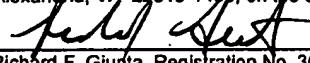
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Applicant: Steven M. Blumenau
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING ACCESS TO
STORAGE DEVICES IN A STORAGE SYSTEM WITH ACCESS
CONTROL
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-66 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejected claims 1-13, 15-21, 23-41, 43-57, and 60-66 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,484,173 (O'Hare), which is assigned on its face to the Assignee of the present application, EMC Corporation. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The rejection is believed to be improper for all of the reasons stated in the Request for Reconsideration filed July 21, 2005, which is incorporated herein by reference. In an attempt to move this application forward, Applicants scheduled a telephone conference for Friday December 2, 2005. However, the Examiner was unavailable. Thus, if after reviewing this paper the Examiner